GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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Hiring of Consultant Firms
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a). whether NITI Aayog is hiring the services of foreign consultancy firms;

(b). if so, the details of the firms hired during the last three years along with the works/projects undertaken by each of them;

(c). the money spent by NITI Aayog on each of these firms, company-wise; and

(d). the manner in which NITI Aayog exercises oversight on the works undertaken by such firms?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): NITI Aayog hires consultancy services through open competitive bidding. The Request for Proposal provides that the applicant or a member, in case the applicant is a consortium, may either be a sole proprietorship firm / a partnership firm / a limited liability partnership/ a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 or a body corporate incorporated under the applicable laws of its origin.

In order to promote PPPs in infrastructure in the States, Ernst & Young have been engaged. In order to transform Health and Education in 3 States each under Development Support Services for States (DSSS), consortium of McKinsey & Company and IPE Global; and Boston Consultant Group & Piramal Foundation Education Limited have been engaged respectively. M/s IPE Global in consortium with Horwath HTL France and Crowe Horwath HTL Consultants Pvt. Ltd has been engaged as Consultant for preparation of "Concept Development Plans and Detailed Master Plans for Holistic Development of Package −I Islands (Ross, Smith, Avis & Long islands in A&N) and Package −III Islands (Minicoy, Bangaram, Thinnakara, Cheriyam & Suheli islands in Lakshdweep)"

These projects are at an initial stage and no payment has been made so far. NITI Aayog monitors the progress through regular meetings and visits to the States.